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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of			NAL 0005	28	A	9: 0
State Democratic Executive Committee of Alabama and Anthony J. Fant, as treasurer)))	MUR 4943	SENS			Ľ

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT #2

- I. <u>ACTIONS RECOMMENDED</u>: Approve the attached conciliation agreement.
- II. <u>SUMMARY</u>

This matter arose from a <u>sua sponte</u> submission by the State Democratic Executive

Committee of Alabama ("SDECA" or "the Committee"), the federal committee of the

Democratic Party of Alabama, and from a RAD Referral, both of which concerned SDECA's

failure to timely file its 1997 Year-End Report, and its failure to file all of its 1998 Quarterly

Reports, its 1998 Post-General Election Report, and its 1998 Year-End Report. The

Commission found reason to believe that SDECA violated the Act by failing to timely file these
reports, and failing to file a Pre-Primary Report for the 1998 Alabama primary election.

This Office recommends that the Commission accept this agreement.

Attachment 1. A check has not yet been received.

The Committee submitted a letter admitting to having failed to file the 1998 reports at roughly the same time that the RAD referral was received in this Office. The Committee filed the missing 1998 reports and an amended 1997 Year-End Report soon afterward. RAD Referral 99NF-09 and the <u>sua sponte</u> submission, which was designated Pre-MUR 376, were both opened as MURs; they were merged into MUR 4943 at the reason to believe stage.

III. DISCUSSION OF CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

IV. <u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>

- 1. Approve the attached Conciliation Agreement.
- 2. Approve the appropriate letter.

Lawrence M. Noble General Counsel

1/27/00

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Associate General Counsel

Attachment:

Proposed Conciliation Agreement

Staff Assigned: Seth Row, Stephanie Watson